

28 February 2021

To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: Senate Joint Memorial 5

Dear Chair Senator Beyer, Vice-Chair Senator Findley, and members of the Committee:

I am opposed to Oregon supporting House Resolution 763 and urge the Committee to table SJM 5.

Climate change is not as much a discreet problem to be solved as it is a never-ending condition under which we will have to make choices about priorities for economic development and the way we are to govern ourselves.

SJM 5 is replete with alarmist speculation and propaganda and is without a doubt extremely biased. This bill is patently politically based and ignores empirical evidence that contradict its premise.

SJM 5 even has the temerity to state, "Whereas the death and destruction already wrought by global warming...." Death and destruction? Climate change is widely reported in the media through the language of catastrophe and imminent peril as the greatest problem facing humanity.

SJM 5 is political. Consider, when the most influential multinational corporations, the largest institutional investors and financial groups line up behind the financing of what is being called the Green Agenda, it is time to look behind the surface of climate activist campaigns to the actual order of business—turning the trace gas carbon dioxide, and carbon, into a commodity. In affect converting a public commons—our atmosphere—into a privatized asset, with the attending ownership rights to emit carbon dioxide that are to be allocated or auctioned off, and this alongside the attendant machinery of the market which prices and regulates the commodity and the state administrative bureaucracy to enforce it. And all the while trying to convince us ordinary folks to make untold sacrifices to 'save our planet.'

For an example of where the ideology espoused in SJM 5 leads take a close look at current conditions in Germany as a result of their experiments with abolishing carbon and fossil fuels while implementing an over-reliance on (unreliable) and so-called green energy.

Sincerely,



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